



Blackhorse Primary School Newsletter

T4 Wk2: 7th March 2025

Leaf Literature Festival Week 1

We have a special report today from our Leaf Literature Leaders, James Daymond and Alfie Douglas. As our representatives, Alfie and James have attended meetings with their counterparts from across Leaf to help plan the programme of events and put their ideas forward.



This week marks the start of the Leaf Literature Festival, which brings multiple events, such as: Bravery Books, the Poem of the week, multiple author visits, Pen Pals and World Book Day.

On Monday, the festival was launched with a virtual assembly for all of the schools in Leaf and from that day, our timetables have been filled with all things literature.

We interviewed children from most years about the Leaf Literature Festival and here are is what they had to say:



The three children we spoke to in Year One all agreed that "Nicola Colton was fun and we are excited to see Ian Eagle-ton." (one of our headline authors). They also said they were looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day. They were eager to write their Brave Book which is going to be based underwater and they told us about their characters.

The Year 2 children were looking forward to writing their Bravery Book and excited Year 3 exclaimed, "I am enjoying the poem of the week!" and they look forward to Drop Everything and Read.

Year 4 also enjoyed Nicola Colton visiting them and said "It was very interesting." They told us a lot about what she was talking about and sounded very intrigued. They also said that they were enjoying the Leaf Literature Festival in general and said that they liked the Brave Book they were writing. They told us it was a humour/fantasy/adventure book and that they think it has a good story-line.

Everyone we spoke to showed great enthusiasm for what they have been doing so far and excitement for what else is to come!



Wonderful World Book Day

It was fantastic to see the joy children gain from books as everyone arrived at school on Thursday dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day.



We witnessed Paddington, Harry and Hermione, the Lorax and Princess Pearl enjoying the day alongside a wealth of other characters.



The staff team had great fun dressing up as their own favourite characters. The imagination and fun created by a day celebrating all things books was clear to see.

At 2:30pm everyone in school joined their friends from across The Leaf Trust to stop what they were doing and read.

Mr Fry was invited to Elder class to join them in their reading picnic and enjoyed sharing two of his children's favourite bedtime books with them. In Cherry class the staff put on a puppet show for the children to enjoy based around The Go-Away Bird and the staff also acted out the story of the Three Little Pigs.

Your child has been provided with a special World Book Day publication this week thanks to our wonderful reading team. There have also brought home a £1 voucher which can be exchanged for one of the WBD books or used to get £1 off a full price book in bookshops and supermarkets.



Diary Dates:

Tues 18th Mar: Parent Champion Forum 2:30pm

Tues 18th Mar: Y3 trip to see Eleanor Grant & Gus McQuade live concert

Thurs 20th Mar: Football v St Stephens

Tues 25th Mar: Parents' Evening

Thurs 27th Mar: Y2 Flute Workshop

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Tues 1st Apr: Fun Run for the MS Trust

Tues 1st Apr Musical Theatre: Into the Woods 2pm & 6pm

Weds 2nd Apr: Y2 visit to SS Great Britain

Weds 2nd Apr: Musical Theatre: Into the Woods 4pm

Thurs 3rd Apr: Y3 visit to Roman Baths

Thurs 3rd Apr: PTA

Fri 4th Apr: Last day of Term 4

Tues 22nd Apr: First day of Term 5

This week's Champions!

This week we have been focussing on the school value of bravery. This week our nominees are:

Year	Nominees
Resource Base	James & Reece
Reception	Leo & Brienna
Year 1	Nicole & Reggie
Year 2	Evie & Caspar
Year 3	Grace P & Evie
Year 4	Alana & Jacob
Year 5	Eloise & Adelaide
Year 6	Frankie & Leo

Attendance this week



Year 4 are our attendance Champions this week with fabulous attendance of 98%. Year 2 and Year 1 have also hit our target of 97% this week.

Fun Run opportunity



One of our parents, Beverley Schurring, is taking on the challenge of running the London marathon in April.

She is running to raise money for a charity close to her running group, the MS Trust. They are a UK charity that helps make sense of Multiple Sclerosis and supports those affected by it.

We have decided to help her and her team in preparation for the event by joining her in a run before school on Tuesday April 1st. She plans to complete a long training run finishing with laps of our running track before school. Parents and staff are invited to join her for the final leg of the run on the paths around Emersons Green.

This week's Champion...

Bravery is our focus this week and Grace in Elm has been chosen as our Champion.

Miss Stack writes " Grace always puts a huge amount of effort in her learning and can always be found doing the right thing. She is always channelling her inner Brave Bear to challenge herself within her learning to ensure she is the best she can possibly be. She takes great pride in sharing her ideas and successes within class with her peers and they are always a pleasure to hear. Keep up the super work Grace!



Children are being invited to run a set number of laps of the track from 815am to help her finish her run. 10 laps of our track equals 1 mile so between us we only need a little over 260 laps to complete the marathon distance. We will send more details closer to the



Quiz night raises much needed funds

Thank you to the record number of you who joined us for the PTA Quiz on Thursday evening. It was a fun evening with teams made up of parents, ex parents and members of the community. The winning team won by the narrowest of margins, 1/2 a point! Thanks to the PTA for giving up their time to organise the event and to Chris and Jen Wheeler for the fabulous food.